vities especially on the West Coast of the country;

(b) whether Government propose to acquire some latest anti-smuggling equipment to meet the menace; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA): (a) to (c) The West Coast of India continues to be vulnerable to smuggling activities. The pattern of smuggling in the country, both sector-wise as well as commodity-wise, is kept under constant review. On the basis of this review and analysis, the preventive and intelligence machinery of the Customs Department have been geared up with respect to areas vulnerable to smuggling and commodities sensitive to smuggling. Anti-smuggling measures on the West Coast, including application of COFEPOSA, have been tightened in close co-ordination with the concerned Central and State Governments authorities.

In the context of the intensification of anti-smuggling efforts, certain provisions of the COFEPOSA Act have been amended through issue of an Ordinance on 13th July, 1984. The main effect of the amendments is to provide for a longer period of detention, in certain cases, of smugglers operating in the highly vulnerable areas, which have been currently identified as the West Coast, the South Eastern Coast, the India-Pakistan border and the Delhi airport. The maximum period of detention in such cases will be two years instead of the normal period of one year.

The availability of anti-smuggling equipment, including Customs Patrol Craft, is also being augmented to meet the situation. However, it will not be expedient to disclose as to what further specific steps are contemplated by the Government to tighten the machinery to check smuggling activities in the region.

Relief to families of army personnel killed in the encounters at the Golden Temple Complex

222. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state what relief by way of pension and other benefits is being given to the families of the soldiers and officers of the army killed in the recent encounters at the Golden Temple complex?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI R. VENKATARAMAN); Benefits of liberalised pensionary awards admissible to war widows, with some improvements, ^have been extended to the families of those Army Officers and personnel who were killed in Army operation in Punjab including the Golden Temple complex. In addition, their families will be eligible for a lum-sum ex-gratia grant of Rs. 1,00,000 in each case, irrespective of the rank of the deceased. A statement indicating these awards and benefits is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Liberalised Pensionary Award for Service Officers and Jawans killed in Army Operations in Punjab

Officers	Personnel below Officer Rank
Special family pension equal to pay drawn at the time of death will be paid upto the deemed date of retirement of the deceased or for a period of 7 years, whichever is later. Pay for this purpose will include basic pay, dearness pay and interim relief. Children allowance and Children Education allowance are not admissible at this stage.	Special family pension equal to emoluments last drawn will be paid to the nominated heir of the deceased till death or disqualification of the recipient. Emoluments for this purpose include basic pay, increments, rank/appointment pay, good service pay, dearness pay and house saving element. Children Allowance and Children education allowance are not admissible as long as special family pension equal to emoluments last drawn is payable.

Therefore special family pension is equal to the normal retiring pension of the rank last held by the deceased for service upto the deemed age of retirement, plus children allowahce and children education allowance subject to the condition that special family pension, together with children allowance and children education allowance will not exceed the last pay drawn as defined above

Children Allowance

Upto the age of 23 years it is payable at Rs. 150/- p.m. per child, if the mother is not alive, and Rs. 100 p.m. per child if the mother is alive.

Children Education Allowance

At actual expenditure incurred subject to a maximum of Rs. 50/- p.m. per child.

Family Gratuity

(which will be admissible in addition to the death gratuity under the Death-cum-Retirement Grauity Scheme).

Rank	Amount Rs.
2 Lt.	2,000
Lt.	3,000
Capt.	4,500
Major	6.500
Lt. Col.	8,000
Col.	9.500
Brig.	11,000
Maj. Gen.	13,000
Lt. Gen.	14,000
Gen.	16,000

Ex-Gratia Grant

Rs.1,00,000 in each case.

Dependants Pension

If the officer dies as bachelor or widower without children the dependants pension is at 2/3 of wodow's pension for both parents and 2/3 of two parents rate for single parent irrespective of the means limit of the parents.

Ceildren Allowance

Upto the age of 23 years it is payable at Rs. 90 p.m. per child, if the mother is not alive and at Rs. 60 p.m. per child if mother is alive.

Children Education Allowance

At actual expenditure incurred subject to a maximum of Rs. 19/- p.m. per child.

Family Gratuity

Rank	Amount Rs.
Sep.	450
Nk.	550
Hav.	650
Nb. Subedar	1,000
Subedar	1,300
Subedar Major	1,400

Ex-Gratia Grant

Rs. 1,00,000 in each case.

Dependants Pension

In case of serviceman who dies as bachelor the parents get the same award as admissible to the widow. Unlike the officers, therefore, there is no separate provision for the dependants pension for personnel below officer's rank.